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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

1. AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL/DACCA (AID/D) HAS RECEIVED APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO EIGHTH GRADE OF ERICA WITHOFF, DEPENDENT CHILD OF D.N. WITHOFF, A DRILLING ENGINEER WITH ARCO BANGLADESH INC. WITHOFF FAMILY'S ORIGINAL INTENTION WAS TO PLACE ERICA IN NINTH GRADE AT AMERICAN EMBASSY SCHOOL (AES) IN NEW DELHI. HOWEVER, AES REPORTEDLY REJECTED APPLICATION THERE, ON GROUND THAT ERICA'S GRADES IN EIGHTH GRADE AT AMERICAN EMBASSY SCHOOL IN JAKARTA WERE NOT GOOD ENOUGH FOR HER TO UNDERTAKE NINTH GRADE WORK AT NEW DELHI.

2. AIS/D HAS POLICY WHICH PRECLUDES ADMISSION OF CHILDREN INTO A GRADE THEY HAVE ALREADY COMPLETED; THIS POLICY IS DIRECTED IN LARGE MEASURE AT THOSE WHO HAVE COMPLETED EIGHTH GRADE WHOSE PARENTS CANNOT OR DO NOT WANT TO SEND CHILD AWAY FROM DACCA. IN PRESENT CASE, AIS/D SCHOOL COMMITTEE IS SEEKING REACH MOST EQUITABLE DECISION, AND NEEDS A MEASURE OF HELP FROM JAKARTA SCHOOL. KEY FACT WHICH COMMITTEE WISHES TO KNOW IS WHETHER OR NOT, BASED ON HER GRADES AT JAKARTA SCHOOL, ERICA WOULD HAVE BEEN ADMITTED TO JAKARTA SCHOOL'S NINTH GRADE. SECOND FACT IS WHETHER OR NOT COMPLETION EIGHTH GRADE AT JAKARTA SCHOOL WOULD HAVE BEEN ADEQUATE TO ENABLE ERICA ENTER NINTH GRADE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN AMERICA.

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THIRD, BUT SUBSIDIARY, FACT WHICH WOULD AID COMMITTEE

IS, GIVEN ERICA'S AGE (WE TOLD IT 13, AND THUS NORMAL
FOR AN EIGHTH GRADER), SHE MIGHT HAVE BEEN BROUGHT
ALONG TOO FAST.

3. WOULD WELCOME ANY INFORMATION YOU CAN OBTAIN FROM
JAKARTA SCHOOL. MATTER IS, OF COURSE, BEING DEALT
WITH IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE.
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